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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Operations

FROM:

Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT:

Soviet Book Distribution

- 1. Do our book people have information on the books the Soviets distribute around the world? I have been asked by USIA whether we can verify that they distribute 88 million books annually, most of them in English. The US distributed 17 million books in 1968 and this has shrunk down to 560,000.
- 2. Walt Raymond also wants this information and may be of assistance on the source from which it can be developed. Indeed, he may well be the source of the 560,000 number USIA cited. The USIA request comes from a former Director of USIA who is currently chairing a commission Secretary Shultz appointed to advise on whether we should stay in USESCO. This gentleman, Leonard Marks, is looking for the book information in his capacity as consultant to USIA.

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